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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

**Alison HOPKINS**

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Examiner: C. Wilder

For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING RANDOM  
MIXTURES OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 12, 2004, which was the subject of the Notice of Appeal filed December 13, 2004 and the Decision on Appeal mailed September 18, 2006 in the above-identified application in which all pending claims (7-14) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(second paragraph) and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godiska et al., U.S. Patent 5,759,804 in view of Shen et al., European Patent EP 0 726 310 A1. This RCE is filed within the period for requesting rehearing of the decision on appeal and for appeal to the Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims are hereby requested for the following reasons.

**Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.